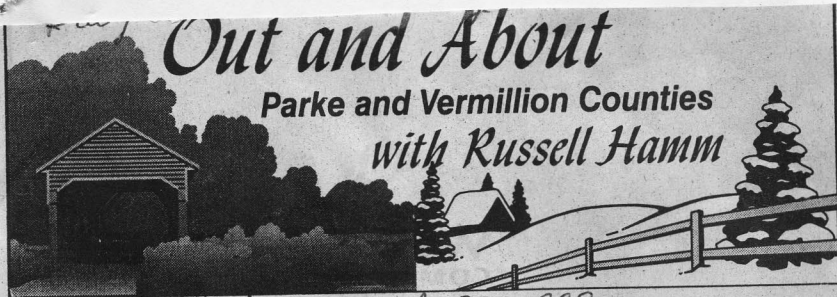


Out and About

Parke and Vermillion Counties
with Russell Hamm



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This is another of the columns written exclusively for *The Daily Clintonian* by Russell Hamm, of Rosedale. Mr. Hamm has a hobby of researching interesting old towns and sites in Parke and Vermillion counties.

**NELLIE BELLES
MACMILLAN**
by Russell L. Hamm

(Part 1 of 2)

Just an hour's drive, more or less, from the bi-county area is the home-

town of Nellie Belles. She was the mother of Maurice Harold Macmillan, who served as prime minister of Great Britain from January, 1957, until October, 1963.

On two occasions Harold Macmillan visited the local area — once the "sentimental journey" to his mother's hometown and once to make a speech at DePauw University. Perhaps no one knows more about the Macmillan connection than T. Perry

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Wesley who still lives in Spencer, Indiana. (At the time of the Macmillan visits he was editor of *The Spencer Evening World*.)

On January 25, 1999, I visited with T. Perry Wesley — this before I visited Riverside Cemetery or the site of the Belles home. It has been almost a decade since my last visit.

Mr. Wesley has a large album of photographs, newspaper clippings, letters that relate to Macmillan. The album even contains two rare photos of Nellie Belles.

There is a letter from Harold Macmillan to T. Perry Wesley dated September 24, 1956, which reads in part:

"I find it difficult to express my thanks to you and to those who worked with you in making all the arrangements for my brief visit to Spencer last Sunday. It was for me not merely a very enjoyable occasion, but also a most moving one which will remain fresh in my memory as long as I live. . ."

I remembered the Belles home at the corner of Franklin and Montgomery streets as a two-story "grey" building with a porch on the southeast corner. Mr. Wesley told me the house has been destroyed by fire and that the historic Allison-Robinson House c. 1855 had been moved to the site. (The Spencer Methodist Episcopal Church is next door at 55 N. Montgomery: This is where Nellie Belles sang.)

I remembered visiting the Calvin Fletcher mansion on a hill east of Spencer. In fact, I was given a tour so many years ago and was told about the secret room. The Fletcher girls were said to be friends of Nellie. Mr. Wesley told me the mansion had been razed and that it was now the site of Boston Scientific Company.

Again I visited the grave of Nellie's father in Riverside Cemetery. I was no longer able to read the dates. (Joshua Belles died August 9, 1893.)

Many, many years ago I talked with Jesse Robinson, Spencer, about Joshua Belles. Mr. Robinson told me that Dr. Belles was one of several medical doctors in Spencer at the time. He was a graduate of DePauw University.

Mr. Robinson described Dr. Belles as follows: "He was above medium height ... don't think six foot. He had a beard, not a heavy beard. He had a very pleasant voice with a ringing tone. He had a rather ruddy complexion. He wore a light-colored Prince Albert frock coat."

Mr. Robinson said he thought Dr. Belles was a Republican because he never attended the Democrat caucus meetings held in the Robinson house.

Jesse Robinson also described the Dr. Belles funeral. "As was the custom of the time, it was held outside — in the front lawn ... chairs out there. Funeral preached there. Singing. Horses to the hearse. At the time, when the procession started to the cemetery, bell tolled all the way."

As a young graduate student at Indiana University, I spent hours and hours going through old newspapers in the Old University library — before the fire. The result was published July 13, 1961 in *The Owen Leader*. The article was as follows:

The Life of Nellie Belles Macmillan

"I share with Sir Winston Churchill the great privilege of having had an American mother. He and I have often talked about what we owed to our mothers. For my part, I owe everything to her." So said Mr. Harold Macmillan to the congregation of the Methodist Church of Spencer, Indiana, on that September Sunday in 1956, when he made the pilgrimage to his mother's hometown. "I remember best one outstanding quality in my mother's character, which I feel she must have learned here. She was absolutely unshakable ... in a question of right and wrong."

But Nellie Belles (pronounced Bell-is) was famous in her own right. As a little girl in Indiana, she dreamed of becoming a singer; and she made her dreams come true. Her contralto voice was praised in France, Italy, England and America.

Nellie Belles insisted that the Macmillan House buy the world printing rights to *Gone With The Wind*. She read the manuscript and recognized the genius, just as she recognized the genius of J.B. Hill, her first husband, a talented artist who died very young.

Nellie Belles was a remarkable woman. Wherever she went, though her trail is sometimes obscure, she leaves the unmistakable mark of a vivid, gay personality.

The life of Nellie Belles seems like a fairy tale — not because she has become almost a legend in the small southern Indiana community, but because in the early 1880's Nellie Belles met Maurice Macmillan, her prince charming, and married him soon thereafter.

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Miss Emily Drescher of Spencer, Indiana, is the only person that ever remembers seeing Nellie Belles and that was in 1887. But Miss Drescher remembers hearing her mother tell about Nellie Belles, Laura Tull and the late Mrs. John Murphy as

young girls raiding the cookie crock. The three girls would come tumbling over the picket fence in great rivalry as to who would rock or hold the Drescher infant.

It has been said that Nellie was a lively girl who had a dog, that she liked to race down the Spencer hills with her dog. The only hills in Spencer, it is to be noted, are the hills to the north and east of town almost a half mile from the Belles home, but Nellie was good friends with the Fletcher girls who lived in the mansion northeast of town.

Miss Drescher remembers that Nellie was old enough to have beaus when she lived in Spencer, for she used to borrow a broach and ring from her mother, Mrs. Julia Drescher. The broach has long ago been lost, but Miss Drescher showed me the ring-set of garnet which she keeps wrapped in tissue paper. The ring-set is no larger than a robin's eye.

Legend says that Dr. Belles sent Nellie to a girls' school in Indianapolis, but legend also says that her teacher was Miss Henri Colgan. Miss Henri Colgan and her sister, Mary, were principals in the Public Schools of Indianapolis. In 1872-1873, Miss Henri Colgan was the principal of Public School Ten. To date, little has been uncovered about Nellie Belles' early education.

The girlhood home of Nellie Belles Macmillan stands at the intersection of Franklin and Montgomery streets just one block from the public square down the railroad in Spencer. Joshua Tarleton Belles, her father, bought lots 249 and 250 for \$175 in April 1865. Nellie was about eight years old when she came to Spencer, in 1864, with her father, stepmother Amanda, and her stepsister, Laura Tull.

Nellie was 18 when she married the well-known and much loved John Bayliss Hill — or Jack, as he was called. She and Jack were married in her hometown on June 30, 1874. Already John B. Hill was becoming famous as a portrait painter although he was handicapped with ill health. He painted the president of the Indiana Medical College, and Governor Thomas Posey and Governor Abram A.

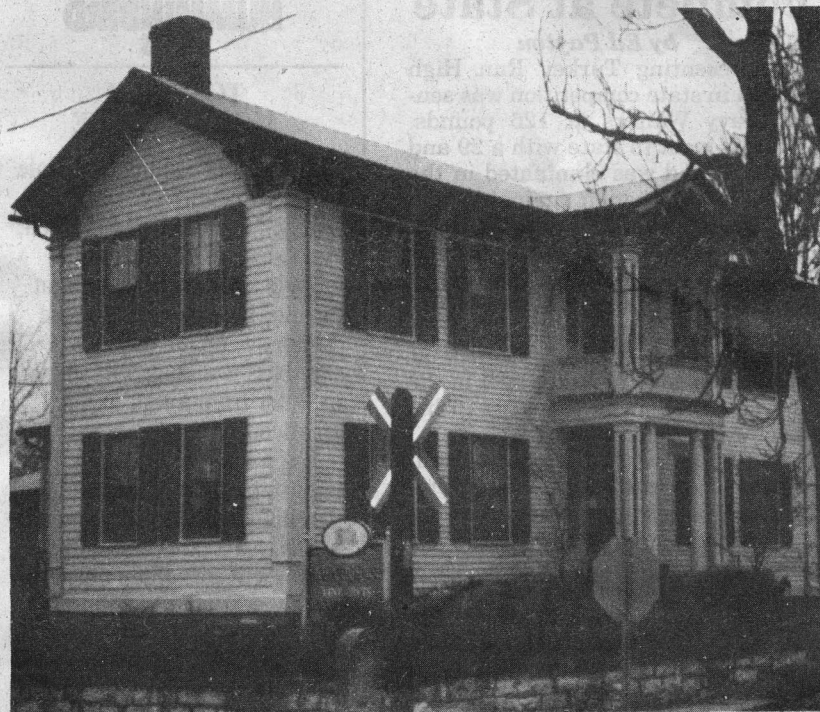
Hammond. He was largely self-taught, although he was a pupil of Jacob Cox and B.S. Hays, along with his sister. He had a studio first at 7 and 8 McDonald and Roaches' Block and later at 28 Talbot and News' Block in Indianapolis.

Only a brief five months after their marriage, Jack Hill suddenly became dangerously ill, and then on the night of November 19, 1874, he died.

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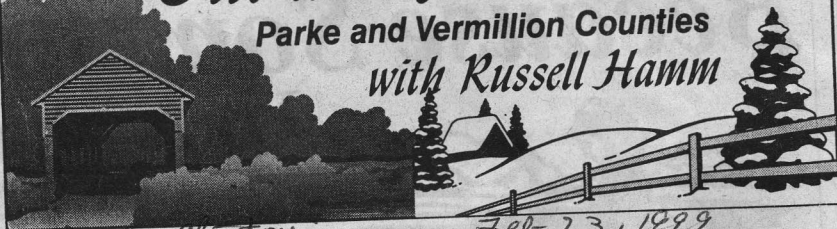
T. Perry Wesley holding his Macmillan album.



Belles home in Spencer — now called the Allison-Robinson historic home.

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This is the second part of Mr. Hamm's column on Nellie Belles Macmillan, continued from Monday's edition of *The Daily Clintonian*.

**NELLIE BELLES
MACMILLAN**
by Russell L. Hamm
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After the death of her husband, Nellie Belles Hill stayed some time in the home of Mrs. David Wallace,

Feb 23, 1889
widow of the Governor. She continued to sing in the Meridian Street Methodist Church, and in the summer of 1876, when she went to the Centennial in Philadelphia, Miss Louise Kellogg heard her sing. Miss Kellogg was lavish in her praise of Nellie Belles and advised her to put herself under the best instructors possible in the immediate future. It was in early July, 1876, that Nellie

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returned to Indianapolis with the good news; and before the end of the month, she made plans to start for Europe for musical instruction.

Mrs. J.B. Hill went to Paris, France, where she stayed with friends, and the meeting of the Ralph Merrimans and Mrs. Hill at the residence of the Hon. E.B. Washburne, American minister, and his wife is recorded in letters received by friends back in Indianapolis.

In the spring of 1877, Nellie Belles Hill wrote her father of her determination to become an artist of the lyric stage. She was still studying in Paris. She wrote as follows:

"I make all my energies bend to the one great object that must and will accomplish, and to be one of the world's great artists, I know, will take labor and close application of years."

By March, 1881, Mrs. Nellie Belles had made a successful appearance in Paris, and she was the recipient of the most enthusiastic praise and commendation. Her musical studies had by this time been pursued in France and Italy.

At an elite musical benefit, Mrs. Nellie Belles Hill met Maurice Macmillan of London. He, too, was interested in singing. In 1884, Mrs. Nellie Belles Hill married Maurice Macmillan of London, but music did not go out of her life. She continued to sing, and she and her husband often sang together.

In 1887, Nellie Belles Macmillan came back to Spencer, to visit. Because Dr. Belles at the time had rented most of his home to a family named Cleever, who took in boarders, the Macmillan party stayed at the home of the Frank Frelands. It was a handsome place, relatively new, with a large lawn. The Frelands also had a piano and double parlors.

One of the first people Nellie Belles visited was her good friend, Mrs. Julia Drescher. At the time Miss Emily Drescher was a small girl who believed in "sticking around." Julia Drescher and Nellie Belles Macmillan sat on the front porch to talk. Nellie didn't bring her husband along for the women's talk, and Miss Drescher remembers that the two women laughed a lot. Miss Drescher describes Nellie as follows:

"She was tall, dark, very stately — dark red dress, and she wore a hat that had plume that trailed down over her shoulder."

The hat was a little high crowned hat with a turned up brim with an ostrich plume; it was all black. The dress was dark-red wine with a high neck, ankle length. She added that she "imagined that the dress was wool and probably gored — flared skirt with coat sleeves and she probably wore black buttoned shoes."

Jesse Robinson does not remember Nellie personally, but he does remember that a party came with her; they came down from Indi-

anapolis on the train. He remembers the top hats that the English men wore, and the conversation between the Freeland's colored maid and the Robinson's colored maid: The maids were mimicking the British accent and laughing about the British putting their shoes out to be polished during the night.

The Macmillan visit to Indianapolis is well documented. On Friday, September 23, 1887, it is recorded that Mr. and Mrs. Macmillan of London, England, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hanna, on North Pennsylvania street. Nellie Belles Macmillan had not been in Indianapolis for "eleven years, most



Photo of Harold Macmillan speaking at DePauw University. It is in T. Perry Wesley's home.



Rare close-up of Nellie Belles Macmillan in T. Perry Wesley's possession.



Gravestone of Dr. Joshua Belles in Spencer's Riverside Cemetery.

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of her absence having been spent in Europe."

On the following Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wright gave an elegant reception in honor of the Macmillans. "The apartments were tastefully embellished with flowers, and an orchestra rendered pleasing selections. About sixty guests were present."

On the following Wednesday the first large party of the season was given by Hon. Joseph E. and Mrs. McDonald. "The parlors, library, and dining room mantels were banked with green in ferns, palms, and vines. The corners of the rooms were also trimmed nearly to the ceiling. The green forming a frame for one of the most brilliant gatherings ever held in Indianapolis; among the McDonald guests were Mr. and Mrs. Macmillan, Governor and Mrs. Gray, ex-Governor Porter, Hon. J.M. Butler, wife and son, and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison.

On Sunday, October 2, 1887, Mrs. Macmillan sang in the Meridian Street M.E. Church, where some twelve years or more she held a position in the choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Macmillan delight-

ed numerous friends in Indianapolis during their visit with their singing. And it was reported that Mrs. Macmillan "has, in addition to her musical talent, great elocutionary powers, and has been heard in many recitations."

Reports have been made that Nellie Belles returned to America on several occasions. It has been implied that she attended her father's funeral, but much doubt has arisen concerning this. The Atlantic Ocean was a wider ocean in the nineteenth century than it is in the 20th century.

Whether she returned to America, to Indianapolis, and to Spencer, Indiana, is not so important as knowing that she always treasured the memory of America. Macmillan said his mother's memories of Southerners transplanted in Indiana sharpened her interest in the manuscript of Margaret Mitchell's long Civil War novel, *GONE WITH THE WIND*. Mr. Macmillan said he had brought the manuscript home to read when his father's imminent death filled his own time with affairs of the family publishing house. He said his moth-

er picked up the manuscript and began reading it and kept telling him how the characters were like ex-Southerners she had known in Indiana. She insisted that the Macmillan House buy the world printing rights before he ever had a chance to read the manuscript.

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Nellie Belles rests in the churchyard of St. Giles, in the parish town of Horsted Keynes, County Sussex, southeast of London, not far from the historic battleground of Hastings. Maurice Macmillan, her publisher husband, died at the age of 83 in 1936, and she survived him a little over a year.

When Harold Macmillan became Prime Minister early in 1957, it was symbolical that when he got back to Downing Street, "he had let his AMERICAN cigarette burn down to the point that half an inch of ashes clung to the end."

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(1) Her real name was Helen Artie Belles, but in America she was always called Nellie.

(2) She was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 20, 1856. Her mother was Julia Reid. Her mother died when she was about six years old.

Former Prime Minister Macmillan Returns To Spencer For A Visit

Visits Former Mother's Home And Lays Wreath At Grave Of His Grandfather

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Macmillan Visits Spencer

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bank, then left the building and re-entered their cars.

The party then went to Riverside Cemetery, where Mr. May handed Mr. Macmillan a wreath after the party had alighted from their cars and reached the Belles burial plot.

Mr. Macmillan stepped to the monument marking the plot, stopped and placed the wreath at its base. Its placing did not exactly suit him, and after partially straightening up he leaned over and adjusted it again to suit his liking.

He stood briefly looking at the wreath and monu-

ment, then stepped back a pace or so, and was then joined by his grandson.

Standing closely, side by side, they remained in silence for perhaps a minute. Mr. Macmillan then turned to other members of the party who were standing nearby, and began walking back to his car. He paused two or three times to look around over the area which includes the Belles plot, and when he reached his car he thanked Mr. Edwards warmly for the arrangements which had been made for his local visit.

The party re-entered their cars, and the motorcade proceeded out of the cemetery east to Main street, then north past the courthouse and on to Greencastle.

Spencer police and the Sheriff's Department took up stations at street intersections as the Macmillan party moved from the Edwards home and until it left town.

Former British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan made a second "sentimental journey" to Spencer today.

The son of the former Spencerite, Nellie Belles, arrived here at about 10 o'clock this morning and viewed the former home of his mother, saw an exhibit on the Belles and Macmillan families in the "Owen County Hall of Fame" in the Owen County State Bank, and placed a wreath at the grave of his grandfather, the late Dr. J. Tarleton Belles.

Accompanied by his grandson, Alexander Macmillan, the former head of Great Britain was brought from Greencastle, where he makes a major address in Bowman Gymnasium at 8:30 tonight, in a motorcade escorted by State Police Detective Sgt. Ralph Shumaker, and alighted from the car at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Edwards, North Main street.

A horde of photographers and newsmen from radio, television, the wire services and newspapers, shot pictures as the Macmillan party alighted and went inside the Edwards home. Inside, Mr. Macmillan renewed acquaintances with members of a committee which handled arrangements for his previous visit here in 1956 and signed some autographs. He was presented with a medical book which had belonged to his grandfather. The book had been obtained by Earl Baughn, who presented it to him.

His grandson was presented with Volumes 1 and 2 of the Owen county history which were produced here a few years ago.

During the visit in the Edwards home Mr. Macmillan posed for a photo with Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and their children, Rick,

Chriss and Kathy.

With Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, who were hosts, were the following from the 1956 committee: Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hickam, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Hickam, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn J. May and T. Perry Wesley.

Inside the house Mr. Macmillan was also introduced to Mr. Shumaker, who had been his official police escort when he was here in 1956, and to Howard Pietzuch, who was official photographer for the 1956 committee, and who made photos during his visit today.

The party drove south on Main street to Morgan, west to Montgomery, and south to the former Belles home at Montgomery and Franklin. Mr. Macmillan and his grandson alighted there and viewed the home while photographers hovered about shooting pictures.

The party then circled around to the east side of the bank, where they alighted and went to the second floor stockholders-community room which contains the "Owen County Hall of Fame".

Mr. Macmillan and his grandson examined closely a number of the exhibits spending considerable time examining the Viquesney and the Belles-Macmillan exhibits. Mr. Viquesney, creator of The Spirit of the American Doughboy is one of about a dozen people represented in the displays in the room.

Prior to leaving the room Mr. Macmillan and his grandson signed the bank's guest register at the request of Lyle Brighton, Executive Vice-President and Trust Officer of the

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Briton Finds World Mother Knew

By MILAN C. OLBINA
Star Staff Reporter

Spencer, Ind. — Blurred memories of a pretty, Hoosier doctor's daughter came fleeting back to Great Britain's chancellor of the exchequer, Harold Macmillan, as he sat listening yesterday to the chancel choir in the Spencer Methodist Church.

For the distinguished British statesman, it was an interlude of reflection back to childhood days and the stories of early Indiana recounted by his mother, Spencer-born Nellie Belles, who sang in the choir during the 1870s.

On his first visit to Indiana's rolling heartland, Macmillan appeared deeply moved as he recalled from the podium his mother's early life in the embryo Spencer community.

MACMILLAN'S usually husky, suavely brusque voice fell almost to a whisper as he read from the Book of Matthew the Parable of the Talents. Then, head bowed, he returned to an aging pew in the body of the church where he and other British officials, along with President Herman B. Wells of Indiana University, sat among an assembly of 300 persons.

The graying 62-year-old chancellor looked for the first time at the two-story frame home, a short distance from the twice-rebuilt church, where Nellie Belles grew to young womanhood.

Remembered by oldtimers at Spencer as an attractive, vivacious girl, Nellie was married in her early 20s to John Bayliss Hill, an Indianapolis artist, who died a short time after the marriage.

The young widow later went to Paris to study music and at a party there met an amateur musician, the British publisher, Maurice Macmillan, whom she married a short time later.

In a simple ceremony at Riverside Cemetery, Macmillan laid a wreath on the grave of his grandfather, Dr.



(Star Photo)

HAROLD MACMILLAN VISITS GRAVE OF GRANDFATHER Prayerful Meditation After Placing Wreath In Riverside Cemetery

Joshua T. Belles, who died in 1896 and is buried in the company of other Owen County pioneers.

Few Spencer residents are living today who can remember Nellie Belles. One of the

first persons to talk with the chancellor as he arrived at the church was Walter E. Peden, 90 years old, a resident of the community 82 years. Peden, whose movements belie his 90 years,

chummed with Nellie as a boy of 10 and remembers her as "very popular" around the neighborhood.

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WALTER B. PEDEN (LEFT) AND HAROLD MACMILLAN
Nellie Was "Very Popular"

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tery visit, the official entourage, including the Rev. Charles W. Ballard, Spencer Methodist Church pastor, gathered at the Redbud Shelter House in McCormick's Creek State Park for a cafeteria-style luncheon. Other British diplomats seated at the head table with Macmillan included Sir Roger Makins, ambassador to the United States who in October will become Britain's secre-

tary of the treasury, and Robert Mason of Chicago, British consul general. Both joined Macmillan in visits earlier to Indianapolis and Bloomington, where on Saturday the chancellor was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree during a special honors convocation.

Macmillan left Bloomington yesterday afternoon for Washington, where today he will serve as chairman of the British delegation to the World Bank conference.

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ber of and an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church. On April 10, 1861, he was married to Mahala Joslin, daughter of Dr. Amasa Joslin, one of the pioneer physicians of Spencer. Three children have been born to them, one girl and two boys, all of whom survive. Mrs. Beem is a zealous laborer in the church and Sabbath school, and in all benevolent and charitable movements.

DR J. T. BELLES is the youngest in a family of eight, and the only child still living born to John J. and Sarah (Tarlton) Belles. The mother died shortly after his birth, which occurred January 1, 1826. His father then removed to Indiana, and located near Indianapolis, where he was united in marriage to Dorcas Sanders, and where he died in 1839. Our subject, then thirteen years of age, returned to Kentucky, his native State, and remained there for ten years, receiving a good education. He then came to Indianapolis, and studied medicine with Drs. Dunlap and Harrison. Prior to this time, he had read medicine with his brother-in-law, Dr. Johnson, for one year. In 1851, he graduated from the Indiana Medical College. In April, 1852, he formed a partnership with Dr. Cooper Baker, of Indianapolis, with whom he practiced medicine one season, when Mr. Baker, on account of his ill-health, was obliged to retire from practice. Dr. Belles continued in the same place for two years, and then went to California, remained for one year, after which he returned to Indianapolis, and practiced until 1864. He then came to Spencer, and entered the practice here, where he is now engaged in the duties of his profession. In 1864, he was appointed Government Examining Surgeon, which position he filled until 1883, when he resigned. In March, 1850, he married Julia Reid, a daughter of Archibald O. and Lavina Reid, old settlers of Indianapolis. By this union there were five children, but one now living. His wife died in 1862, and two years later he married Amanda J. Tull, a widowed daughter of Samuel and Amanda McCurdy, residents of Marion County, Ind. By this union there were four children, two of whom are living. Dr. Belles has been from his early days an active worker in and liberal supporter of all temperance movements. He was a member of the Baptist Church for twenty-four years, but on coming to Spencer joined the Methodist Church, there being no Baptist organization here at that time. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.; is a highly respected citizen, and is a man of Christian principles and of integrity.

MARION F. BRANAM is a native of Owen County, and was born June 9, 1857. His parents, Jonathan and Nancy (Boker) Branam, came to Indiana early in life and located in Monroe County. Later on they moved to Owen County, where they now reside. The subject of this sketch is the youngest child in a very large family, and when he was twenty-one years of age, began farming near Greencastle, and continued to live on the farm until 1881. In 1882, he entered the saloon business in Spencer, with W. H. Secrest, on the north side of the square, where he may now be found in very neat, comfortable quarters. He was married, January 1, 1880, to Sarah Franklin, a daughter of William and Sarah Frauklin, old and respected citizens of Owen County. Her parents are both dead. By this union there is one child—Allie M. Mr. Branam is an active member of the Republican party.

JAMES CAMPBELL, wagon-maker of Spencer, Ind., is the eldest son of Joseph and Mary (Graham) Campbell, natives of Kentucky, and of Scotch extraction. He was born in Monroe County, Ind., April 28,

1824, and reared on a farm, meanwhile attending the district schools. From Monroe he came to Owen County in the fall of 1844, and located in Gosport, where he carried on the business of wagon-making for about twelve years. Early in life, in the summer of 1847, he enrolled as color bearer in Company B, Fourteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Gorman, and served until August, 1848, when he was honorably discharged. He participated in some of the most important battles of the Mexican war. After his return to Gosport, he moved from there to Monroe County in 1857, where he made his home up to 1864, removing thence to Morgan County, and in September, 1866, he went to Iowa. After a sojourn of about three years, he returned to Indiana, and lived in Monroe County for twelve years. He then came to Owen County, and has since resided in Spencer, successfully engaged at his trade. In 1861, he enlisted as Second Duty Sergeant in Company F, Twenty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until February, 1862. He participated in the battles of Antietam, South Mountain, second battle of Bull Run, and Winchester. In the last engagement here mentioned, he received a wound in the right shoulder which led to his discharge. In politics, he is a Republican, having originally been a Whig. He is a member of the G. A. R. He was married in 1851 to Ann Reeves, of Gosport, who died in 1853. In 1856, he was next married to his present wife, Frances Dunagan, who has borne him one child—Mary J. (deceased).

S. N. CHAMBERS, County Sheriff, is a native of Owen County, born October 1, 1840, in Washington Township. He is the youngest of seven children born to Zaccheus and Isabella (Blain) Chambers, who immigrated from the South to Indiana early in life and settled in Washington Township, where they entered a farm, on which they lived during their remaining days. The father died in 1868, and the mother in 1875. Mr. Chambers lived at home on the farm until grown, when he went out West, where he stayed for six months, and then returned home and remained until 1862. He then enlisted in Company F, Fifty-fifth Indiana Volunteers, under Capt. Fair. After he came home from the war, he went to Canada for a short time, and then returned to Owen County and resumed farming. When twenty-six years of age, he went into the dry goods business at Stinesville, Monroe County, and about 1868 he went to California, where he stayed one year. He returned to Stinesville, where he was in business for two years. He then went to Ellettsville, and engaged in the drug business with S. H. Dunn. He sold out in a short time, and traveled for awhile, after which he came to Owen County. After a short stay at home, he went to Kentucky to farm, but in 1875, he came back and went into the employ of the Spencer Business Association, for whom he ran a general merchandise store for two years. He then went to Oregon, and remained there until February of 1878, when he came to Chamberville, Owen County, and farmed during one summer, and in the fall he was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Spencer. He filled this office until 1882, when he was elected Sheriff, and is still faithfully discharging the duties devolving upon him. He is a member of Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M., and is politically a Democrat.

J. W. CLEAVER, a native of Ohio, was born in Butler County September 25, 1824. His parents, William and Margaret (Taylor) Cleaver, moved from Maryland to Ohio in 1804, and located in Butler County. In 1830, they moved to Shelby County, and purchased a farm where they

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MacMILLAN, Harvey Reginald, CBE 1943; Company Director; Member: Lloyd's; British Columbia Board, The Canada Trust Co.; b 9 Sept. 1885; s of John Alfred MacMillan and Joanna Wilson; m 1911, Edna, d of C. Mulloy; two d. **Educ:** Toronto Univ. (BScA); Yale Univ. (MScF). Chief Forester of British Columbia, 1912; Founder and Pres., H. R. MacMillan Export Co. Ltd, 1919; Timber Controller for Canada, 1940; Pres., Wartime Merchant Shipbuilding Ltd for Canada, 1941; Director: MacMillan, Bloedel Ltd; British Columbia Packers Ltd; Mem., Adv. Cttee, International Nickel Co. of Canada Ltd; Gov., Canadian Council, International Chamber of Commerce; Hon. DSc, Univ. of British Columbia, 1950; Hon. LLD: Univ. of Toronto, 1957; Univ. of Guelph, 1966. Hon. Patron of the Vancouver Public Aquarium. **Recreations:** shooting and fishing. **Address:** (home) 3741 Hudson Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada; (office) 1075 West Georgia Street, Vancouver 5, BC, Canada. **Clubs:** University, Terminal City, Vancouver, Faculty, Union (Vancouver, BC); Union (Victoria, BC).

MacMILLAN, His Honour James; Judge of County Courts, 1950-65, retired; b Schoolhouse, Fisherton, Ayrshire, 18 April 1898; s of George Arthur MacMillan, MA, and Catherine, d of late Alexander McQuiston; m 1931, Marjorie J. Triffitt, DSc (d 1957); one d. **Educ:** Troon Sch.; Ayr Acad.; Glasgow Univ. (MA, LLB). Royal Artillery, 1917-19. Lt. Called to Bar, Middle Temple, 1925, Midland Circuit; Legal Adviser, Ministry of Pensions, 1939-44. Mem. Bar Council, 1947-50; Mem. Supreme Court Rule Cttee, 1948-50; Dep. Chm. Beds Quarter Sessions, 1949-50; County Court Judge, Circuit 37, April-June 1950, Circuit 38, 1950-55, Circuit 39, 1955-65. **Recreation:** walking. **Address:** 28 Battlefield Road, St Albans, Herts. T: St Albans 56152. **Club:** Reform.

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Programme, 1946-52; Controller of Programmes, Gen. Man. and Dir, Rediffusion Television Ltd, 1955-68. Dir. Theatre Royal Windsor Co., 1964. **Recreations:** swimming, gardening, study of 1919-39 European history. **Address:** 6 Park Towers, Brick Street, W1. T: 01-493 1891; Residence Moderne, Bormes, Var, France. T: 94-71 04 12. **Club:** Naval and Military.

MacMILLAN, Kenneth; Resident Choreographer to the Royal Ballet, Covent Garden, and Co-Director since 1970; Director of Ballet, Deutsche Oper, Berlin, since 1966; b 11 Dec. 1929. **Educ:** Great Yarmouth Gram. Sch. Started as Dancer, Royal Ballet; became Choreographer, 1953. First professional ballet, Dances Concertantes (Stravinsky-georgiades). Principal ballets: The Burrow; Solitaire; Agon; The Invitation; Romeo and Juliet; Diversions; La Création du Monde; Images of Love; The Song of the Earth; Concerto; Anastasia; Cain and Abel; Olympiad; Solitaire. Has devised ballets for: Ballet Rambert, American Ballet, Royal Ballet Sch., Theatre, Television, Cinema, Musical Shows. **Recreation:** cinema. **Address:** c/o Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2.

MACMILLAN, Malcolm K.; journalist; b 21 Aug. 1913; s of Kenneth Macmillan and Mary Macaulay; is married. **Educ:** Edinburgh Univ. Served as Private, Infantry, 1939-40. MP (Lab) Western Isles, 1935-70; Chm., Scottish Parliamentary Labour Party, 1945-51; Chm., Govt. Advisory Panel on Highlands and Islands, 1947-54; Mem. Post Office Advisory Council, 1946-51; Mem. Scottish Advisory Council on Civil Aviation, 1947-53; Mem. Scottish Economic Conf., 1949. Chm., Parly Cttee for East West Trade, 1965-69. **Address:** 60 Bellshill Road, Uddingston, Lanarkshire.

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1935; The Middle Way, 1938 (re-issued 1966); Economic Aspects of Defence, 1939; Winds of Change (Vol. I of Memoirs), 1966; The Blast of War (Vol. II of Memoirs), 1967; Tides of Fortune (Vol. III of Memoirs), 1969; Riding the Storm, 1956-1959 (Vol. IV of Memoirs), 1971. **Address:** Macmillan & Co. Ltd, 4 Little Essex Street, WC2; Birch Grove House, Chelwood Gate, Haywards Heath, Sussex. **Clubs:** Athenaeum, Carlton, Turf, Pratt's, Beefsteak, Buck's. See also Rt Hon. Julian Amery, M. V. Macmillan.

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Nellie MacMillan

Winston Churchill and Harold MacMillan had much in common. Both members of Parliament, writers, military men, and British Prime Ministers, they had American mothers. Jeanette "Jennie" Jerome Churchill was the mother of Great Britain's most revered leader. Helen Artie "Nellie" Belles of Spencer was the American girl who would become the mother of statesman Harold MacMillan.

To some she was remembered as a girl of high spirits and flashing brown eyes who raced up and down Spencer hills with her dog. Her famous son cherishes her high standards, strong character, and wrote of the debt he owed her "beyond description and above repayment." Born in 1856 the daughter of Dr. J. Tarleton Belles (pronounced "Bellis"), Nellie was left motherless as a youngster. To learn the proper social graces, she was sent to Henrietta Colgan's public school in Indianapolis. It was there she met John Bayliss "Jack" Hill, grandson of James Fitch and Sarah Grant Hill, and a relative of the Calvin Fletcher family. He was a talented artist and shared Nellie's love of music. The couple were married June 30, 1874 in Spencer and left, as the local paper reported, "on the 2 o'clock eastward bound train followed by the kind wishes of many friends." But Jack Hill died in six months and Nellie remained in Indianapolis singing in the Methodist Church choir and living with Zerelda Wallace, widow of Governor David Wallace. Because of her outstanding voice, Nellie's father encouraged her study of music in London and Paris.

While abroad she met and married Maurice MacMillan of the publishing house of MacMillan and Sons with operations in New York and London. They made their home in London but returned to Indiana for visits with friends. At the beginning of World War I came letters from

England written by the Hoosier-born English lady. She wrote from East Grinstead, London, "All classes are brought together in a wonderful way. There are no such things as party politics and differences in religion, or class. All are Britons. Even the poorest is willing to give the best he has and the whole empire has given its best and much of it. This is no ordinary war, but a war to crush out forever the idea that 'might is right'..."

Her son Harold served as a captain of the noted Grenadier Guards and in World War II at the age of 48 he was in North Africa as British resident minister to allied headquarters advising General Eisenhower and reporting to Winston Churchill. Later he served as Chancellor of the Exchequer under Churchill. When Harold MacMillan married Lady Dorothy Cavendish, his mother was in the company of representatives of no less than eight royal houses. It was said at the time "none bore herself more to match a duchess than gracious Nellie Belles MacMillan." (Another wedding of American-British connection linking two interesting families was that of Lady Dorothy Cavendish's brother, Lord Charles, and Adele Astaire, sister and former dancing partner of Fred Astaire.)

Nellie died in August, 1937, less than two years after the death of her husband. Her grave is far away from Spencer and her body lies with her husband's, as is English practice, in a single grave in a Sussex parish churchyard. Harold MacMillan has visited Spencer on two occasions and those trips included stopping at the graveside of his mother's relatives in Riverside Cemetery. In his retirement years the former Prime Minister, whose career as a statesman alone is a far-reaching, fascinating story, began a series of autobiographical volumes. In the first of the series, *Winds of Change*, he devotes nearly a chapter to his mother. "I never heard my mother sing for after my birth her voice failed, but she had a beautiful speaking voice and no trace of any but a pure English accent... She loved her adopted country, but never forgot her own."

Nellie's Spencer home is on the northwest corner of Franklin and Montgomery streets. The two-story dwelling has long since been remodeled into a smaller house.